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1. EXCEPT FOR CHINA TIMES, UNITED DAILY NEWS, LOCAL CHINESE PRESS DOWNPLAYED REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S SECOND DAY IN PEKING, EMPHASIZING INSTEAD PREMIER CHIANG'S VISIT TO ROC MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND OTHER ECONOMIC NEWS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000) DEVOTES ENTIRE PAGE TO CHINA-RELATED STORIES WITH NO MENTION ECONOMIC ITEMS. CHINA POST HEADLINED UPI- "PEIPING" REPORT: "NO AGREEMENT SEEN AS P'ING TALKS REACH CRUCIAL STATE." SECOND PLACE GIVEN TO "ANTI-AMERICAN CLAUSE" IN NEW CCP CONSTITUTION. TWO CHINESE PAPERS ALSO REPORTED CONSTITUTION STORY.

2. LEADING PAPERS CARRY AFP STORY THAT VANCE WILL MEET TENG TODAY AND NEGOTIATIONS "FORMALLY START."

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3. CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) CARRIES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS THAT U.S. PRESS CALLED VANCE'S RECEPTION "QUIET AND COOL," AND VANCE DELIVERED "MONOLOGUE" TO HUANG HUA. ALSO REPORTED PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE COMMENTS ON VISIT. NORMAN FU SAID FACT NO ONE ASKED PRESIDENT ABOUT VANCE VISIT SHOWS THAT "AMERICAN PRESS DOESN'T ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE" TO TRIP.

4. UNITED DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL STRESSES IT WAS NOT "COINCIDENCE" THAT HUA KUO-FENG POLITICAL REPORT ANNOUNCED AT TIME OF VANCE VISIT AND URGED U.S. BEWARE OF COERCION AND INTIMIDATION. SAID PEKING "SPECIALIZES IN TACTICS OF ALTERNATING HARD AND SOFT," "THREATENING" WITH ITS THREE CONDITIONS AND "TEMPTING" WITH SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

5. CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO; 140,000) EDITORIAL NOTES HUA HUO-FENG REPORT SHOWS PEKING TAKING STRONG ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S., THAT NORMALIZATION MEANS ACCEPTING PEKING'S THREE CONDITIONS. SAYS THIS PROVES (1) "USSR-PRC RELATIONS CANNOT BE AFFECTED OR MANIPULATED BY U.S., (2) PEKING'S PRIME TARGET IN NORMALIZATION IS TAIWAN..."

6. CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 400,000) COMMENTATOR REVIEWED SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND EMPHASIZED NORMALIZATION HAS NO TIME FRAME. "DURING THE KISSINGER ERA THE ROC INCREASED ITS CONSULAR OFFICES IN THE U.S. AND THE PRC SONG ON TAIWAN'S LIBERATION WAS BANNED DURING A U.S. VISIT BY A PRC ENSEMBLE... THERE IS NO REASON FOR PRESIDENT CARTER TO END (NORMALIZATION PROCESS) IN GREAT HASTE IN THE BEGINNING OF HIS ADMINISTRATION... IT IS TRULY BETTER FOR THE U.S. TO DO NOTHING THAN ANYTHING AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE."

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7. INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST (TZU LI WAN PAO; 50,000) AUGUST 23 EDITORIAL RECALLED LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG'S ADVICE TO BE SELF-RELIANT, CALM IN ADVERSITY. SAID THIS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT "NOW WHEN THE U.S. IS MAKING DEALS WITH PEKING AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN GREAT CONCERN... EVEN BEEN IRRITATED AND SHOCKED... WE MUST ASSESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OBJECTIVE SITUATION, BE CAREFUL IN MAKING A CORRECT JUDGMENT, ADOPT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CRUSH ANY INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACIES AND COMMUNIST UNITED-FRONT SCHEMES AIMED AT UNDERMINING US." NOTES "WE HAVE TO BE STRONG IN OUR CONVICTION THE ROC IS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT... ARE ON THE SAME BOAT WITH 800 MILLION CHINESE ON THE MAINLAND... ONLY BY CHANGING THE STATUS QUO ON THE MAINLAND, EVEN ONE OR TWO PROVINCES OF IT, CAN THE IMPRESSION OF THE WORLD BE ALTERED AND THE SHORT-SIGHTED INTERNATIONAL POLITICIANS BE BROUGHT BACK FROM THEIR LOST WAY."

8. YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS (CHIN NIEN CHAN SHIH PAO; (100,000) EDITORIAL ALSO SAYS MUST "CRUSH CONSPIRACIES" AND WARNS PEKING MAY TRY TO CUT ROC'S RELATIONS, "UNDERMINE OUR MORALE OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AND SABOTAGE OUR

SOCIETY."

9. TAIWAN DAILY NEWS (TAIWAN JIH PAO; 60,000) ALSO STRESSES SELF-RELIANCE, BECAUSE "U.S. WILL NOT GIVE UP ITS INTENTION TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING."

10. INDEPENDENCE EVEING POST (TZU LI WAN PAO; 50,000) AUGUST 23 CARRIED BY-LINER URGING EDITORIAL WRITERS AND COMMENTATORS TO AVOID CREATING "ANY MISINTENDED MEANINGS THAT WILL SHOW TIMIDITY IMPAIRING THE NATIONAL DIGNITY AND PEOPLE'S MORALE... THE USE OF THE TERM 'ABANDONMENT' OF TAIWAN (IN RELATION TO NORMALIZATION) IS SELF-ABANDONMENT... WHO WILL ABANDON WHO WHEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE IN ALLIANCE, TREATED EQUALLY AND (RELATIONS) ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON MORAL HONESTY.. ONE MIGHT BE 'SOLD OUT' BUT NOT 'ABANDONED' ... WE ARE AN ALLY OF THE U.S., NOT A PROTECTORATE OR TRUSTEESHIP...."

11. LOCAL PAPERS ALSO CARRY REPORTS OF NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON ZUMWALT INTERVIEW, SAYING SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT REQUIRE U.S. END ALLIANCE WITH ROC; KEYES BEECH STATEMENT TO JAPANESE REPORTERS THAT U.S. "OFFICIAL" SAYS U.S. WILL NOT SACRIFICE TAIWAN BECAUSE AMERICAN PEOPLE OPPOSED TO IT, AND WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORIAL SUPPORTING U.S.-ROC TREATY.

12. CHINA TIMES AND UNITED DAILY NEWS QUOTE DEPARTING AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT TO ELLI AS SAYING THE AMERICAN LABOR

FORCE WOULD URGE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO ADHERE TO COMMITMENTS TO ROC AND NOT SACRIFICE ROC'S INTERESTS AS PRICE FOR NORMALIZATION. HE REPORTED AS REPEATING THAT A RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT WILL BE PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER AFL-CIO CONGRESS AND SENT TO CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT. AYERS

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